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Rapid River News!

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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Cultural related items)

- **DANCE REGALIA CLASS.** We have 32 people signed up for regalia/crafts classes. We are almost there (to the 50 mark!) .Please contact the Cultural Preservation Department or the Peacemaking/ Probation Dept. to get on the list. Anywhere from a quarter to a half of your outfit will have to be paid for by you, but the rest will be covered by this program. It is a great opportunity to get your dance regalia made at a low cost. Parents can sign up to make something for their kids, for yourself or a loved one. Join in with the cultural learning and share what you know with others. This is how we keep our traditions alive and pass it on to the next generations! This project is being spearheaded by Ron Stone, several instructors and the Cultural Preservation Department. Call Austen at 398-2240 or call Cultural Preservation at 398-6895
- **Native American Ministry, Fall & Winter Gatherings**
Oct.19, Halloween Gathering 11-3 pm; Nov.2, Ghost Supper 11-3 pm; Dec.7, Christmas Gathering 11-3 pm; all these dates are in Muskegon at the VFW 446 165 N. Getty St. More information call Patti 231-755-4865

Hart / Elbridge Kateri Circle. Hart / Elbridge has dates for Ghost Supper Nov.1, noon to 4 pm
Christmas Gathering Dec.6th noon to 4 pm. Call Emily Smith 231-861-5352 Kateri Tekakwitha Center/
St. Joseph Chapel

General area items)

- **Fall 08 Membership Meeting.** The fall meeting was held over the weekend with over 360 members and their families present. On Friday evening, Ogema Romanelli held his regular Meet-N-Greet to answer questions and generally speak to a smaller audience. Approximately 45 people attended and enjoyed the event. Saturday, the regular meeting opened with a Flag Ceremony from our Warrior's Society and a flag song from Swirling Wind. The relatively calm meeting had the Ogema and several Council members presenting information to the membership.
- **Garage Sale.** The property officer held the regular garage sale of items from the Little River Casino Resort with the first day being reserved for our Elders; Members then came in on Saturday. A big thank you to the Casino staff for organizing the items for sale and sorting them by size. This was a big help!

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **New ID Cards.** The Enrollment Department started issuing the new Tribal ID Cards at the Membership Meeting on Saturday the 27th. If you live in Michigan, you must come to the office to get your new card. If you live out of state, yours will be mailed to you.

(Emergency Management items)

- **Bank Building Emergency Plan unveiled.** The grant-funded plan for the bank building has been completed and the staff received training on the 26th. The plan helps to secure tribal property and personnel if and when an emergency occurs. It also helps with our federal compliance requirements. This process was organized by the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee. The plan will be expanded to other governmental property in the near term.

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